

How To
Care for your silk, sustainably





Did you know that you can hand wash silk?

Caring for your silk scarf can also be done sustainably! Did you know that conventional dry cleaning uses perchloroethylene (a solvent that is toxic to animal and plant life)? Hand washing your silk is an environmentally friendly alternative that is easy to do. We've created this guide to give you some helpful tips to care for your silk and keep it looking luxurious.



To safely wash your Louis Jane Designer Silk Scarf or any other silk garment, stick to the following rules:

1. Separate colours – wash like with like, or wash one at a time
2. Because silk is a protein-based fibre, only use cold water. Cold water helps to preserve the colours, and saves energy too.
3. Use a gentle detergent made specifically for silk or delicate fibres. Don't use softeners and definitely don't use standard detergents which can be too harsh on the delicate silk.
4. Rinse thoroughly in cold water.

5. Roll your silk garment in a towel to squeeze out the excess water (this is also a great tip for hand-washing knitwear).

6. Unroll the silk from the towel and dry flat. Silk dries in no time!

Please don't put your silk in a dryer!

Not only is it unnecessary, it is harmful to the silk and uses an excessive amount of energy.

7. To smooth out any wrinkles it is best to steam your silk. Good quality silk is incredibly wrinkle-resistant, and even just hanging your silk will help the wrinkles drop out after a couple of days.

8. It can also be ironed with a cool iron. If you need to iron your silk, place it between two clean cloths and iron on a cool setting. It can help to spritz the top cloth with water.



For those of you that really don't have the time or inclination to hand wash your silk, it is also possible to use a net bag and wash in the machine using the cold setting, delicates/wool cycle. Make sure you only use a small amount of delicate detergent.

**We recommend that you
always hand wash your silk.**

As you can see, caring for your silk sustainably is not difficult; in a lot of ways it is more convenient and less expensive than using a dry cleaner!





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